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SUBJECT: CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS

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1 EMBASSY'S READING OF 1973 CLAIMS AGREEMENT 9 (PARA 1 REFTEL) IS CORRECT, IN THAT "OUTSTANDING" CLAIMS WERE DEALT WITH, AND NOT THOSE CLAIMS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY SETTLED DIRECTLY BY GOH IN COURT CASES.

2. SALANS, KWIATEK AND WILGIS ALL RECALL TH\*\*\*DDITIONAL \$250,000 THAT WAS ADDED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FEKETE IN OCTOBER, 1972. THIS SUM, HOWEVER, TREATED UN-ADJUDICATED GOH NATIONALIZATIONS OF PROPERTY FOLLOWING AUGUST 9, 1955. SUCH CLAIMS WERE NOT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION \*F THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION AS TIME EXPIRED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9, 1955. SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO PRELIMINARY ADJUDICATION ON THE U.S. SIDE OF THEIR VALUATION, THE QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE WAS A ROUGH CALCULATION OF 40 PE\*CENT SETTLEMENT OF WHAT THOSE CLAIMS WOULD AMOUNT TO UPON ADJUDICATION. (LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADJUDICATE THESE CLAIMS UNDER THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT OF

MARCH 6, 1973 HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE).

3. NEITHER THIS ADDITIONAL SUM NOR ANY OTHER PORTION OF THE AGREEMENT REFLECTED ANY AGREEMENT TO SUBSUME CLAIMS WHICH THE GOH HAD SETTLED WITH CLAIMANTS CONSENT. AS A

MATTER OF FACT WHEN POST-1955 CLAIMS WERE RAISED DURING NEGOTIATIONS, MEMBERS OF GOH DELEGATION ARGUED THAT SUCH CLAIMS DID NOT EXIST AND UPON SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE BY US THEY AGREED SUCH CLAIMS WERE FEW IN NUMBER AND INVOLVED ISOLATED TAKINGS OF BUILDING LOTS.

4. OVER TWO DOZEN CASES OF CANCELLED BANK ACCOUNTS HAVE NOW COME TO OUR ATTENTION, AND THERE HAS ALSO BEEN CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. WE BELIEVE THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN WITH FEKETE AND APPROPRIATE FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION. ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR CLAIMS, FABIAN KWIATEK, WHO P\*RTICIPATED DIRECTLY IN CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS WITH FEKETE AND DRAFTED AGREEMENT COULD BE IN BUDAPEST IN EARLY JANUARY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO PRAGUE TO CONTINUE CLAIMS TALKS THERE. WE BELIEVE KWIATEK'S PARTICIPATION IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FEKETE AND OTHER GOH OFFICIALS COULD REINFORCE EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION. EMBASSY'S VIEWS REQUESTED. RUSH

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